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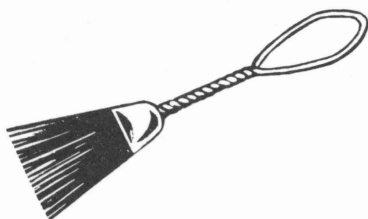
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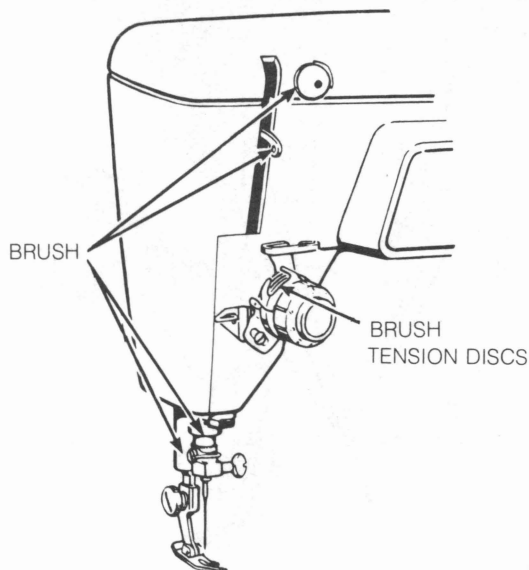
CARE OF YOUR SEWING MACHINE

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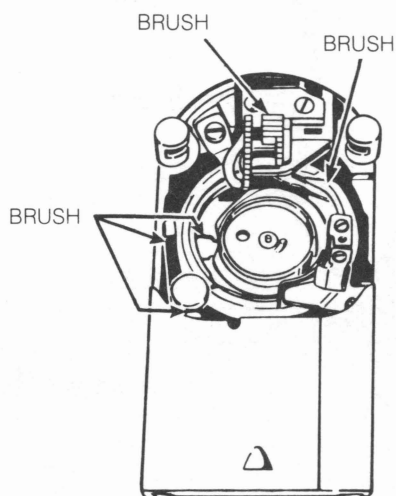
A few simple steps each time you use your sewing machine keeps it in good working condition. You will need a lint brush and a scrap of fabric.



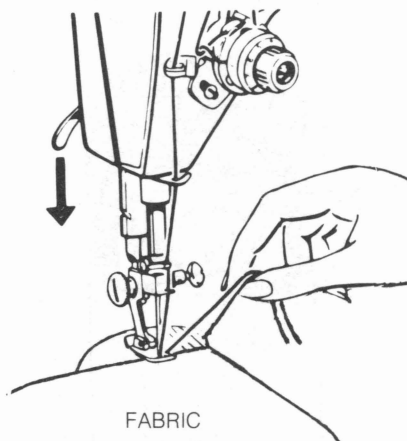
Brush lint from exposed parts.



Brush lint from bobbin case.



Place a scrap of fabric over the feed dog and lower the presser foot.

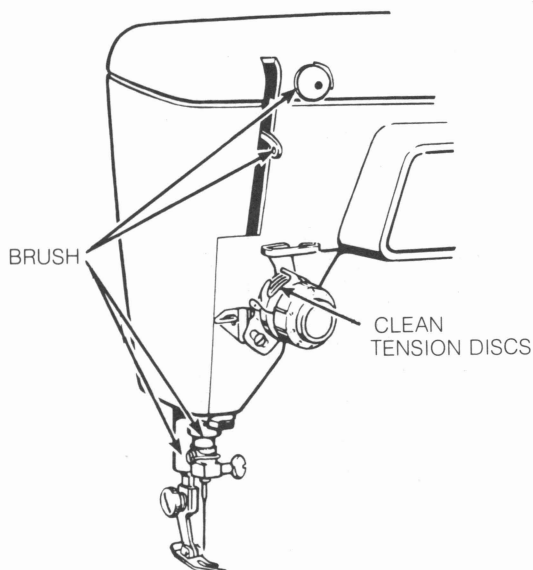


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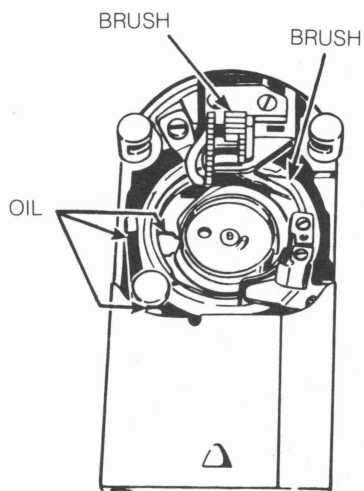
Cover the machine to protect it from dust.

After finishing each garment, clean other parts of the machine and oil them to keep your sewing machine running smoothly. Be sure to use sewing machine oil recommended by your sewing machine company.

Remove needle and bobbin thread from machine. With a soft cloth, clean between tension discs and wipe off surface of machine. Brush lint from exposed parts.



Brush lint from bobbin case and put **one** drop of sewing machine oil on the parts that move.

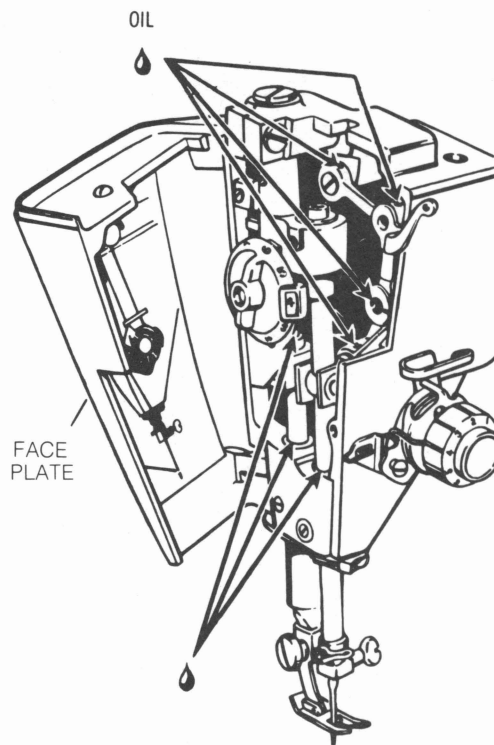


Place a scrap of soft fabric in the machine and "sew" through it several times to spread out oil and remove extra oil.

After each three months of regular use, clean and oil your sewing machine. If you have a sewing machine manual for your machine, use it to guide you. Caution: Do not oil the motor.

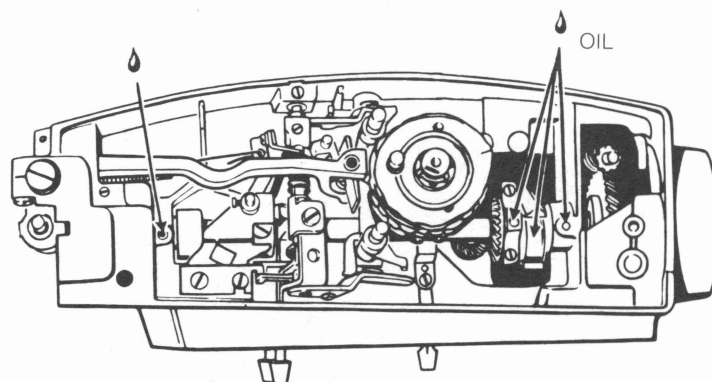
Remove needle and bobbin threads and unplug machine from the electrical outlet.

Open the face plate on the end of the machine. Brush out lint and put **one** drop of sewing machine oil on each moving part. To see which parts move, turn the hand wheel. Replace face plate.



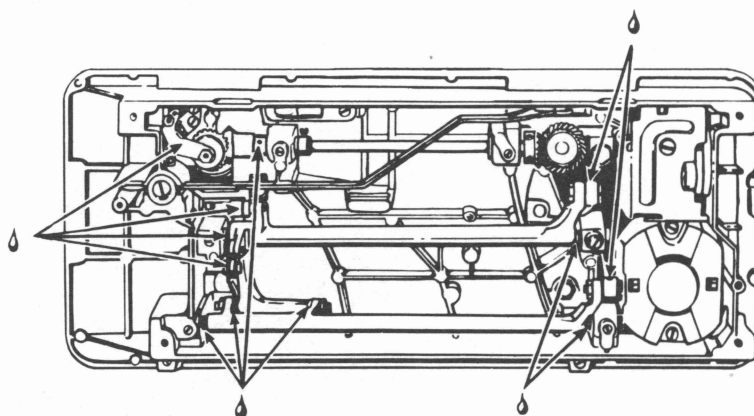
CLEAN AND OIL BEHIND FACE PLATE

Open the top of your machine if it opens. If it does not open, look for holes where oil may be added. Put **one** drop in each hole or on moving parts except gears. To see which parts move, turn hand wheel. Close top of machine.



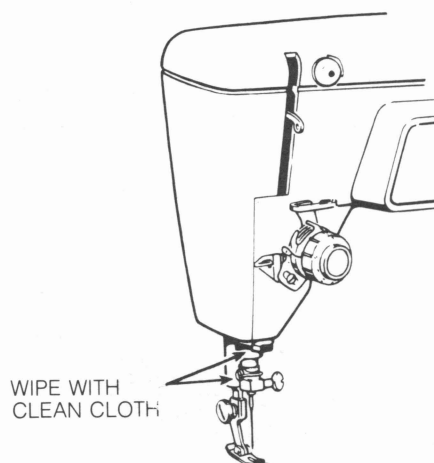
TOP OF MACHINE

Tilt your machine on its back. If the bottom is covered, remove the cover. Remove lint. Put **one** drop of sewing machine oil on each moving part except gears. Replace cover and place machine in upright position.



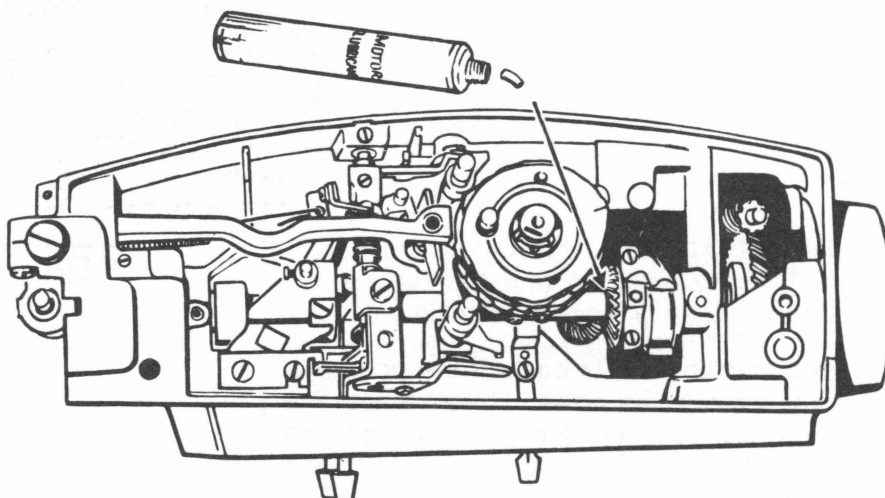
BOTTOM OF MACHINE

Plug in machine and run it with a scrap of fabric to spread out oil and to remove excess. Also wipe needle bar with soft cloth to remove excess oil.



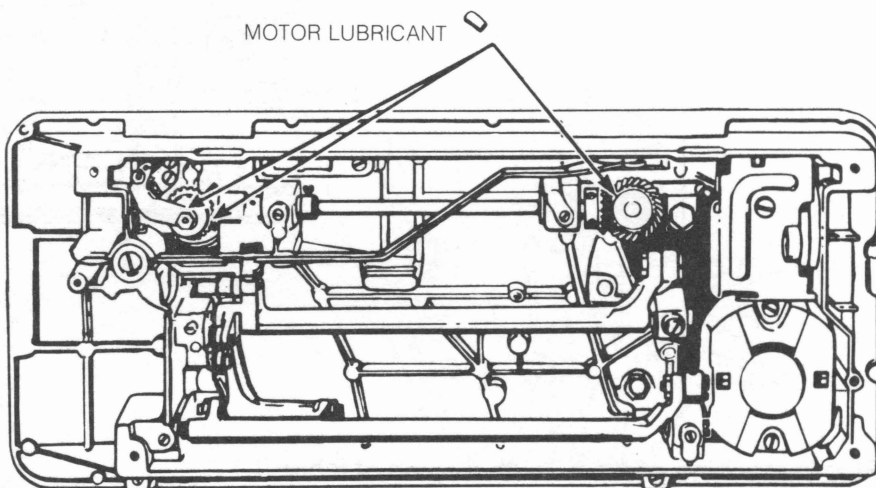
Store with a piece of fabric over the feed dog and the presser foot down. Cover machine to keep dust out.

Gears should be lubricated **every 3 to 6 months** with sewing machine motor lubricant. Follow the instructions in your sewing machine manual.



TOP OF MACHINE

Put a small amount of lubricant (about the size of a small pea) on the gears in the top and bottom of the machine.



BOTTOM OF MACHINE

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